

Drexel Hill, PA –Congressman Sestak joined over two hundred congregants from throughout the 7th Congressional District to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Crossroads Community Church, an Upper Darby-based house of worship known for its ministries.

— “I was honored to participate in the ceremony commemorating the Crossroads Community Church’s hundred years of service to Upper Darby and my district. I would like to thank Rev. Witmer and his congregants for welcoming me,” said Congressman Sestak. “This church has served the Upper Darby community with distinction for the past hundred years. From its English language classes to a missionary program, which has sent representatives to over 30 countries, the Crossroads Community Church has provided a century of invaluable faith-based community service.”

Since taking office, Congressman Sestak makes weekly trips to churches, synagogues, mosques, or other local communities of faith. He makes these weekly stops to talk not only about the values and service exemplified in the lives of congregants, but also to gather their opinions and counsel on issues of utmost importance, particularly violence in our community.

The Congressman often notes the similar approaches the government and religious communities take to address such issues. Both rely on principles of faith, hope, and charity to accomplish their goals. Members of religious institutions rely on their faith in God. Lawmakers, too, rely on faith; a faith in the belief of our democracy and the ideals and values of our country. In addition, hope for peace and goodwill is a guiding tenet in both the government and religious communities. Most importantly religious congregants from all backgrounds are deeply rooted in values of charity. Though not charity, the Congressman sees these same values of helping those most in need in the programs of the federal government. “It is the responsibility of those in government service to ensure the health and welfare of our residents,” Congressman Sestak said. “However, it is the caring, committed and compassionate men and women in our local communities that often truly make a difference in the lives of those in need.”

Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the Congress.